TECHNOLOGY FUND GUIDANCE

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What is the Technology Fund and how you can use it

In early 2022, people receiving services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will be able to purchase technology using a one-time Technology Fund. This fund will be in addition to each person's current funding.

"Technology" includes <u>hardware</u> and <u>software</u>.

Hardware is a computer or other electronic device, like:

- ✅ A tablet or cell phone
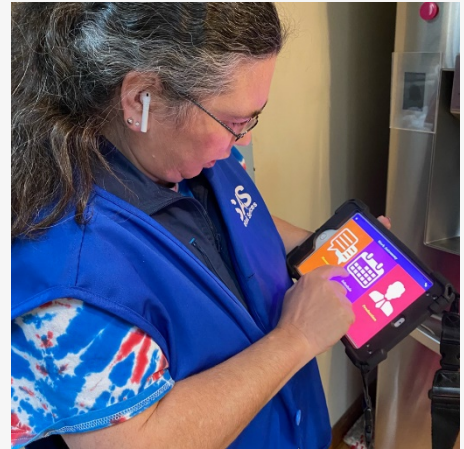- ✅ A "smart home" appliance with automatic features
- ✅ An electronic watch

Software tells a computer what to do, like:

- ✅ An app that reminds a person to stay on task at work
- ✅ An alarm to remind a person to take their medication
- ✅ A screen reader that turns words into sound

❖ How technology can work for you ───────

Technology can support a person's desire for more independence at home, in the community, and at work, and reduce reliance on others. Technology can help a person with communicating, pursuing a passion, remembering, getting from one place to another, and many other things.

Technology Meets Different Needs

"My iPad, Airpods, and Work Autonomy App are important to me at work because they help to keep me organized, on time, and increase my independence."

— **Diane**

"I'm really excited to use my community map through Google My Maps to visit all of the record stores in RI to see which one I like the best!"

— **Gloria**

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❖ How to get started

Think about what technology will be used and how it will help the person. Talk about how technology will meet a person's needs during the person-centered planning process. The person may also choose to update their Individual Support Plan (ISP) to include a new goal or expand upon an already existing goal.

Virtual Informational Meeting 🎥 zoom
April 6, 2022 @ **4:30 – 5:30pm**
Meeting ID: 816 5768 5015 | **Passcode:** 441462
See a recording: www.bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/initiatives

❖ How to make a purchase

A request form will be made available in April 2022.
This form will ask the following:

- ✅ Name of the technology selected
- ✅ Cost of the technology selected
- ✅ Identify barrier(s) and the functional solution offered by the technology selected
- ✅ Identify its connection to an ISP goal

❖ Questions

For all questions, please contact the person's DDD Social Caseworker.

If the DDD Social Caseworker is not known, call the DDD main phone line at (401) 462-3421.

Technology Meets Different Needs

"My iPad has helped me to do different types of art and I can communicate with my friends, family and even my doctor through video."

— Alton

"I enjoy using my iPad to film puppet shows. I also use technology to collaborate with writers and storytellers to create the content for my puppeteering."

— Jillian